Claim 10, line 21, change "excess or shortage of" to --bit balance to--.

REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended to correct minor typographical and other errors of form with syntax.

No new matter has been added by means of the instant amendment.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendment be entered before an action on the merits is issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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